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# Masonic Temple Cornerstone Laid

## Residents Flay Plans for Dump

There were fireworks Thursday, as proponents and opponents of the dump in the South Torrance—Rolling Hills area collided head-on at a Regional Planning Commission zone board. The board took the matter under advisement.

Chief Engineer A. M. Rawn, of the County Sanitation District, backed by officials of all towns in the area, including Torrance's City Council declared that a cut-and-cover rubbish disposal operation would improve the land. The site is located on both sides of Crenshaw Blvd., about 1500 feet north of Palos Verdes Dr. North and covers about 150 acres.

### 1600 Object

On the other side, James Cobham, of 3881 Palos Verdes Dr. North, presented a petition containing some 1600 names objecting to the dump. Cobham was accompanied by a group of ladies—Mmes. Cobham, J. Stanley Smith, Albert Holland, Ruthella Wilcox, and Frank Horvat—bearing signs with pictures of rats and mice and such slogans as "How would you like a dump 60 feet from your home?"

### Former Mine Site

The land is now owned by the Great Lakes Carbon Corp., which formerly mined diatomaceous earth there. Now, however, the sanitation district is purchasing the land through a sell-at-agreed appraisal deal under eminent domain law.

The Great Lakes Co. has laid down a grid and cut-and-cover operation to eliminate dust, noise, unpleasant odors, and other factors which might endanger health or property values, according to Gerald Kelley, attorney for the firm.

Rawn said that there is a critical need for public dumps, declaring that 12,000 tons of household rubbish will pile up every day unless there is a place to bury it.

"Drop In Bucket" This dump alone is only a "drop in the bucket" to what we will eventually need to save a though it will hold millions of cubic yards. It will be exhausted in from six to eight years," he said. "This is a reclamation project. At the same time, it is the least expensive way there is to get rid of rubbish."

When filled, the dump site

would have an area of hard-tamped top-soil over the buried rubbish, he said, and could be used as a park, home, or light manufacturing area.

The county would operate the new dump but would have no control over private rubbish trucks contracting with cities for carrying off trash, Rawn admitted.

Other Sites Available Cobham said that there were other available dump sites, such as the present Agajanian dump near Wilmington, sites in the Fuent Hills, and possibly in the Bixby Slough. He said he feared that private pick-up trucks would not be the "closed kind unless cities or the county exercise jurisdiction over them."

City officials are watching this hearing closely because it is the first of many public hearings on dump sites which will be held in the near future, necessitated by the ban on burning.

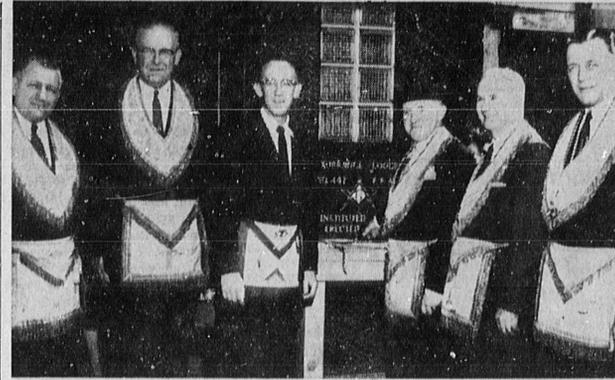
### Board To Rule

The zone board will rule on Rawn's application for a zone variance to allow use of the area as a dump in a few days. After the zone board's recommendation, either for or against, the Regional Planning Commission must call a hearing on the same issue. The final decision, however, will be up to the Board of Supervisors, who also must hold a public hearing.

Rubbish from the dump would be carried from Torrance, Rolling Hills, Portuguese Bend, Romita, Palos Verdes Estates, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Westchester, El Segundo, and Inglewood.

Restrictions Asked The Torrance City Council recently expressed its approval of the plan to locate the dump in that area, with three stipulations:

1. That Hawthorne Blvd. be extended south to Palos Verdes Dr. North.
2. That refuse trucks be restricted to using major streets and highways within the Torrance city limits, and
3. That all refuse trucks be required to be either on the enclosed type or cover properly to prevent refuse from spilling or blowing from the trucks enroute to the dump.



CORNERSTONE LAID . . . Officiating at cornerstone laying ceremonies at the new Masonic Temple Saturday were Robert E. Burns, grand chaplain; Phil Myers, junior grand warder; Frank Schmidt, Torrance worshipful master; Edgar V. Stewart, Jr., grand worshipful master; Leo E. Anderson, senior grand warden; and Ralph Collins, grand inspector.

## Local Lodge to Occupy Building Next January

Torrance Masons laid the cornerstone for their new \$100,000 temple at the corner of Plaza del Amo and Cabrillo Ave., with a group of grand lodge officers leading the ceremonies. Several hundred persons were present.

Headed by Edgar Stewart, Jr., Grand Worshipful Master of California Masons, the Grand Suite of officers officially dedicated the new home of Torrance Lodge 447, Free and Accepted Masons of Torrance. This is the second temple which the local lodge has

## 1200 DOGS GET SHOTS AT CLINICS

About 480 dogs got rabies shots at Torrance Park last Thursday night, officials of the South Bay Veterinary Assn. said.

The third of a series of rabies clinics brought the total number of dogs vaccinated in the city to nearly 1200. All clinics proceeded without incident, officials said.

A fourth clinic may be held later this week, the time and place have not yet been determined.

The new rabies ordinance went into effect last week, making it mandatory for the estimated 600 dogs in Torrance to have rabies shots. Dog owners who fail to have their dogs vaccinated face a possible \$500 fine or six months in jail, or both. Owners of dogs picked up by the South Bay Humane Society must pay for the shots before the dog will be released.

### Return Asked

In the principal address, Robert E. Burns, Grand Chaplain and president of College of the Pacific, called for a return to spiritual values and urged Torrance to take the lead in such a revival.

"In these days of minks, stinks, and pinks, we are often so concerned with the difference between right and left that we can't tell right from wrong," he declared.

He pointed out that whereas church membership all over the nation represented about 60 per cent of the total population, in California, the total represents only about 29 per cent.

### Duties Performed

Grand officers performed various ceremonial duties—pouring corn, oil, and wine on the stone and checking it for being

occupied in its 41-year history. The present temple is at 1314 1/2 Sartori Ave.

square. A casket containing various mementoes of the local lodge—pictures and information—and a copy of the Torrance HERALD were placed inside the cornerstone.

After the ceremonies a breakfast was held for the Grand Officers and Master Masons of the area in the present temple. The new temple is expected to be ready for occupancy by January, 1956, according to Frank Schmidt, worshipful master of the local lodge. The building will be used for the meetings and social affairs of the Torrance lodge.

### Sewer Project Approved

Plans for a \$58,900 sewer construction project near Torrance were approved last week by the board of supervisors.

The improvement is to be completed in a section bounded by Grace St., Carson St., Avalon Blvd. and 213th St.

## Victor Tract Being Wooded By 2 Cities

The residents of the Victor Tract found themselves in the position of a blushing beauty this week.

Knocking at their door, bouquets in hand, were two anxious suitors—the cities of Torrance and Redondo Beach. In the tradition of all women, the Victor Tractites were being coy.

The Torrance Planning Commission recommended last Wednesday by a unanimous vote that the City Council offer the Victor Tract Torrance's hand in marriage. A week earlier, the Redondo Planning Commission had recommended that its city council make the same proposal.

Before taking the fatal leap, however, the Redondo Council decided to place the matter under study. Whether Torrance will make the same proposal this week is up to the city Council.

Now unincorporated territory, the Victor Tract is surrounded by Torrance on three sides, between Torrance and Del Amo Blvds. and west of Hawthorne Ave. On the west it is bounded by Redondo.

Just to keep both suitors in doubt, residents of the tract have made overtures to both sides. If either of the City Councils decides to make the proposal, an election will probably be called. Then it will be up to the 162 residents of the tract whether they will accept either proposal or remain unattached.

## Woman Hurt In Collision

Naomi Ardinger, 35, of 4540 Cadison, reportedly sustained minor injuries Wednesday in a two-car crash at 203rd St., and Crenshaw Blvd.

Police reports indicate that automobiles driven by the Ardinger woman and Frank O. Valencia, 48, a soldier from Fort Campbell, Ky., were involved in a collision when Valencia's car was negotiating a U turn at the intersection.

The injured woman was transported to Torrance Emergency Hospital for treatment, by Wright Ambulance Service.

## Aluminum Firm Buys PE Shops

Purchase of the extensive Pacific Electric Shops area at Crenshaw Blvd. and Dominguez by Reynolds Metal Co., reported exclusively by the HERALD last April 21, has been completed, this newspaper learned over the week end.

The pioneer Torrance industrial property, purchased for an undisclosed sum, will be used for the erection of a multi-million dollar extrusion plant and aluminum press facility. Sale of the property was handled through G. A. Erickson, general industrial agent for the Southern Pacific Freight Lines and Pacific Electric Railway. Although no sale price was disclosed, the transaction has been reported to involve considerably more than \$1 million.

Location of Reynolds Metals Co. here will make Torrance one of the leading aluminum centers of the west, spokesmen for the company have predicted. Reynolds Metals Co. is one of the nation's leading industries in that field.

Potential employment at the new plant has been estimated near 2000 when in full production. Remodeling of the property will cost several million dollars.

The Pacific Electric Shops were among the first industries to locate in Torrance. Its shops were complete at a cost of about \$2,000,000 early in 1918 in time to help meet some of the urgent transportation needs

of World War I. Prior to World War I the PE shops were at 7th and Central in Los Angeles. As soon as the shops were opened in 1918, they began turning out freight cars for the war effort. Later, 13 big locomotives were completely assembled and equipped there. Early in 1923, the shops manufactured and installed 60 motor coach bodies in White Co. chassis, which were among the first to be operated by the Pacific Electric. They were placed on local line service in Pasadena.

Historically, PE activity in Torrance sprang from passenger service which began in 1889 with the Los Angeles and Redondo Railway, originally a narrow-gauge steam line operating through Sunnyside. At h e n s , Gardena, and what now is Torrance.

In those early days, PE operated popular excursion trips via blue cars to tourist attrac-

tions all over Southern California. One of the favorite routes ended in a trip through the Torrance area to the PE-owned "largest salt water plunge in the world" at Redondo.

## Santa to Make Advance Visit To City Today

Santa will make a preview visit to the city this afternoon at 1 p.m., taking an auto tour of downtown Torrance and inspecting the future Santaland headquarters in El Prado Park.

Youngsters who want to get an advance look at the old giant with the whiskers can see him in the parade. Santa will officially return to the city on Dec. 2, setting up his Santaland headquarters.

The parade today will be televised Saturday on the Jack McElroy show from 4 to 5 p.m. Kiddies who want to write to Santa can address their letters to him at Santaland, El Prado Park, Torrance. They are asked to include their names, address, and ages. Santa has promised to answer all letters.

Santa, who will be here through the auspices of the Retail Merchants' Assn., can be contacted through his local representative at DA 4-2900. A color television set will be given away during the Christmas festivities. More information can be obtained from local merchants.

## Car Dealers Supporting S-D Day Here

Paul Loranger, director for Bay District Motor Car Dealers Association, announces that the new car and new truck dealers in Torrance are organized 100 per cent in support of S-D Day.

Thursday, Dec. 1, designated "S-D Day" by the President's Committee For Traffic Safety, is intended to demonstrate that traffic accidents can be reduced materially if every motorist and pedestrian does his part.

The goal of the S-D Day program is to make this community completely free of traffic accidents for a 24-hour period on Dec. 1 Torrance's automobile and truck dealers urge everyone to follow three basic safety principles:

- 1—Always be courteous to every driver and pedestrian.
  - 2—Observe both the letter and the spirit of all traffic regulations.
  - 3—Give your full attention to driving and walking.
- "All of us have a share in traffic safety. Everyone's cooperation is needed to make S-D Day a success," Loranger stated.

## Development of City Land on Airport Due

Proposals for commercial development of the Airport Triangle at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw Blvd. will be presented to the Torrance City Council at a 7 p.m. meeting next Tuesday evening, Nov. 22.

Scheduled to present plans for development of the property are Store Properties, Inc., C. I. Hollingsworth, and George Binder.

## Planners Delay Phone Building, Conference Set

Action on the controversial General Telephone Co. building proposed at 650 Palos Verdes Blvd., was delayed again by the Torrance Planning Commission Wednesday, pending a meeting between residents, phone officials, and Planners tonight.

The building proposal has twice been recommended to the Council by the Planners, only to have it sent back for further study. Residents of the area claimed that an addition to the present telephone building would block their view and lower property values.

No Second Story The phone company is seeking a variance and conditional permit to build the addition on an R-3 zone. At the meeting, phone firm representative said that his company agreed that they would never ask for a two-story addition above the ground.

Planning Commissioner Bert Lynn said the firm has presented a new sketch, with a considerably smaller building. It was agreed that two Planners, two nearby homeowners, and two phone company representatives would meet tonight to discuss the proposal.

Planners will study the matter again Wednesday night at 5 p.m., at a special meeting.

### Bowling Alley Studied

Taken under advisement until Dec. 7 meeting, was the proposal for a 40-lane bowling alley, coffee shop, billiard room, and cocktail lounge on the northwest corner of 220th and Western Ave. It was presented by Sigurd E. Murphy, of the Los Angeles Construction Co., and asked a variance and conditional permit.

Alex Schreiber, owner of the Paradise Theater and bowling alley, Westchester, and operator of the Victory Bowling Center, Van Nuys, explained that this project would be a modern bowling alley, with a supervised play area for children while parents were bowling.

Bert Lynn, chairman of the investigating committee, said he had received complete plans only shortly before the meeting, and asked that the case be held over.

### Request Granted

Salvatore Artese's request for a variance and conditional permit to build a second dwelling on an R-1 lot at 5732 Doris Way, was recommended for approval by the Planners. Two letters of protest were read, but two persons appeared in favor of the change.

The requests of J. H. Redmond, of 1730 W. 256th St., and J. G. Slinger, of 1734 W. 256th St., were granted permission to put four foot fences in front of their homes by a 5-2 vote of the Commission. Commissioner Beverly Smith and John Mulvihill dissented.

Smith said he opposed to such high fences in front of homes. The calls for 30-inch



YOUNG FINANCIERS . . . "Bulls" and "bears" are important terms in Patrick McManus' eight grade class at El Nido School these days, as the group studies the stock market. Each student made an "investment" and next month the group will check to see who has made the most money. In front, John Larsen checks with Broker Heather Craig, while Jim Miller, Murlene Scott, and Betty Bailey look over the latest reports.

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